

Unit 1 – Lesson 5

Enter your responses between the (blue) parentheses below each item.

Section 1 Analyzing Reviews

Look at the following reviews and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

The Grinch (2018) – Movie

Wrong voice, the friendliest Grinch I have ever seen.

They picked the absolute worst voice for the Grinch. Also, the Grinch didn't even seem bad. In fact, it's like a five year old would have considered this movie less than a G rating. The Grinch is known to have a hard stare and grin with a rough voice. They ruined this version.

1. Based on this review, would you want to see the movie? Why or why not?
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2. What does the writer need to do to make the review better? Explain.
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Wonder – R.J. Palacio – Book

"You really are a wonder, Auggie. You are a wonder."

I've read this book twice now, and it will definitely always have a special place in my heart. This is a book that makes me laugh, makes me cry, and gives me endless amounts of hope. I love this book, and will probably be giving out copies to my friends and family this Christmas.

1. Based on this review, would you want to read the book? Why or why not?
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2. What does the writer need to do to make the review better? Explain.
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TV Show - Parenthood (2010-2015)

Miles' portrayal of Drew, the disturbed teen on Parenthood, is right on the mark. He conveys so well the hopeless frustration of trying to deal with the well-meaning but insensitive, self-centered adults who cluelessly control his life and frustrate his ability to value himself as a person. I look forward to his performances, so I was disappointed that he did not appear in Episode 7 (April 13) and appeared

only as a silent observer at Jabbar's party in Episode 8 (April 20). I wish to commend Jennifer Lare and Camille H. Patton for their brilliant casting of this fine show, and would like to encourage them to make more use of the untapped talent of Miles Heizer as his family forges boldly into an uncertain future that they may live up to the name they bear, the Bravermans.

1. Based on this review, would you want to watch this show? Why or why not?
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2. What does the writer need to do to make the review better? Explain.
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Total Marks for Section 1: /12

Section 2 Preview and Write Your Own Review

Write a review of a video game, movie, or a book that interests you. Answer the following questions before you write your review.

1. What is the title and author of the movie/book/video game? (Identify the type of media you have chosen). (Mark: /1)
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2. Consider the structure of the video game/movie/book. How many levels are in the video game? How long is the movie? How many pages are in the book? (Mark: /1)
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3. Consider the purpose. What is the movie/book/video game about? (Mark: /1)
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4. Examine the genre. What kind of movie/book/video game is this? (For example, is it a comedy/drama/adventure/mystery?) (Mark: /1)
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5. View the front jacket (cover) of the movie/book/video game. Consider the title. Look at the image on the front. Does it look interesting? Why or why not?

(Mark: /1)

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6. Answer **ONE** of the following questions: (Mark: /2)

BOOK

Consider the table of contents, the chapter titles, and/or the index. Are there summaries? headings? What type of information do these contain?

(For example, do the chapter headings appear mysterious? If they aren't much help, perhaps the author may be trying to entice you to read the book.)

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VIDEO GAME

Consider the design of the game. Are the colour palettes interesting? Describe the menu pages. Are the instructions for playing the game clear? Does the narrative sound interesting?

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FILM

Review the film credits of a movie. Who are the actors in the movie? (List the top two actors and discuss whether or not they are good actors in your opinion.)

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7. Read the blurb on the back of the movie case /video game case/ book cover. What are the highlights? (Mark: /1)

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8. Preview the menu and first scene of the movie or read the first page to learn the plot and setting of the book. In a video game, listen to the preamble or view instructions for playing the game. What information does this provide? (Mark: /1)

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9. Read a review or view a "trailer" or "spoiler" of the video game or movie. Read a review or read the last pages of a book. What information does this provide? (Mark: /1)

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10. Write your review. Does the movie or book deserve more of your time and attention? Why or why not?

- Start by giving your opinion.
- Provide **three** reasons to support your opinion.
- Conclude with your recommendation about whether or not to read this book, play this game, or watch this movie. Be sure you maintain your focus on the topic throughout. Eliminate extra information.

(Title: Genre:)

1-5 Media Review				
	Excellent 5	Proficient 4	Satisfactory 3	Limited 2
Content /5	• I provided <i>insightful</i> ideas and <i>effective</i> support of a media review.	• I provided <i>thoughtful</i> ideas and <i>specific</i> support of a media review.	• I provided <i>general</i> ideas and <i>basic</i> support of a media review.	• I provided <i>incomplete</i> or <i>confusing</i> ideas and <i>vague</i> support of a media review.
Organization /5	• My opinion sentence, support, and conclusion are <i>engaging and skillfully</i> establish a focus that is <i>consistently</i> maintained.	• My opinion sentence, support, and conclusion are <i>purposeful and clearly</i> establish a focus that is <i>capably</i> maintained.	• My opinion sentence, support, and conclusion are <i>simple, functional</i> and establish a focus that is <i>generally</i> sustained.	• My opinion sentence, support, and conclusion are <i>confusing, lack purpose</i> , and/or are not functional; any focus established <i>provides little direction</i> and/or is

				not sustained.
Presentation /5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I communicate <i>engagingly and accurately</i>. No errors <i>enhance</i> communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I communicate <i>thoughtfully and appropriately</i>. <i>Few</i> errors facilitate good communication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I communicate a <i>clearly</i> and <i>basic</i> message. There are <i>some</i> errors but communication remains clear.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I communicate an <i>unclear or confusing</i> message.Too many errors <i>blur communication</i>.
Insufficient	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . Contact your teacher to discuss suggestions for improvement.			
Total: /15				
Assessment	Areas of Strength... ()			
	Might I suggest... ()			

Marks: /15

Total Marks for Section 2: /25

Student Comments

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- Check the Submission page again in two or three days to retrieve your marked assignment and review the feedback from your teacher.

Assignment Total: (/37) = Percent (%)

Teacher Comments

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